

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Jeff Dredge,	Council Chair
Krista Dunn,	Council Member
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member - Conducted
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member - Excused

Others who attended:

Doug Hill,	Mayor Pro-tem
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	City Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pat Wilson,	Finance Director
Darren Stam,	Council Member Elect, District #2
Jared Shaver,	Council Member Elect, District #4

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Tanner Harris

2. Approval of Minutes of December 01, 2009.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

All Ayes

3. Ms. Griffiths invited the attending Boy Scouts to stand, introduce themselves and their troop leaders, and which Merit Badges they are working on.

The scouts in attendance introduced themselves.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

Alexandra Efrano, 3735 Audubon Circle, West Jordan, Utah

Ms. Efrano stated that she applauds Murray City for building and staffing the Senior Center, they cook the best lunches in the world. However, she has a complaint against staff members of the Heritage Center: There is a sign in the bridge room saying “no profanity, and keep things pleasant”. There are people at the center, who take the Lords name in vain, over and over again. Ms. Efrano has complained to staff members, but feels that her complaints are not taken seriously. She was told to “just walk away” from it, but as she has walked away from the bridge games, there were complaints issued against her, and she was suspended. When she asked staff the specifics of the suspension, she feels that she was assaulted by the staff, when they grabbed her arm and she fell, although not hurting herself. She has spoken to the Public Services Director about the incident, and feels that he condoned the assault, and she is here to say this is not right.

Richard Welch, Scout Leader 932 W. Walden Meadows Dr, Murray

Mr. Welch stated that the Boy Scout oath says that they will do their duty to God and our Country, and they have a reverence for our founding fathers said “the battle cry of the Republic was: we will have no king, but king Jesus.” We sit at a congregation this day, because of the liberties provided by our founding fathers.” He would never stand for irreverence to the God of this land, and would hope that other people would learn the integrity that made our nation what it is. He would hope that they could understand what it means to be a bearer of truth. Their oath says they will do their duty to God and our Country; it tells you what a scout is, he is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, courteous, kind, cheerful, thrifty, obedient brave, clean, and last of all, reverent. The sooner we learn reverence to the God of our land, the more preservation we will have for our liberties. He believes that all of the boy scouts know well enough how to stand when they hear the name of Christ, why can we not stand as a community to reverence his name?

Public Comment closed.

Ms. Griffiths recognized Mr. Hill, sitting in as Mayor Pro-tem.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None scheduled

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

None scheduled

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hill excused the Mayor from tonight's meeting.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

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AWAITING

FORMAL

APPROVAL

Mr. Robertson stated that as this is his last meeting, he wanted to express his appreciation for having the opportunity to serve, especially with these great people who he has learned to love; he trusts them with his life, and it is great to serve with people who put the city's interest above their own. They may not always agree, but they do agree on doing what is best for the city. It has been a great experience, in large part because of the employees and the leaders that those employees have, we have the best managers that any city could ask for.

As he has watched the employees work, and seen their integrity, much of that goes back to the integrity and leadership of our department heads, and he expressed his appreciation for all of that. Mr. Robertson has appreciated working with the Mayor and his staff, and asked Ms. Wells to pass on those thanks to the Mayor. Knowing the separation of powers, it has been wonderful that the City has allowed him, and the Council, the opportunity to work with some of the great managers. It has been a great blessing in his life, and he thanks everybody for that opportunity.

Ms. Griffiths expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve these past eight years. The greatest blessing has been the interaction with her constituency, getting to know them, becoming aware of their needs and speaking out for their concerns. In doing so, she appreciates the cooperation of the Mayor's office and all of the department heads, who were all superb. They have always been there to assist her, and she has never made a request or asked a question that has not been answered or resolved; and to each of the employees, she expresses her deep appreciation.

Ms. Griffiths has made the statement many times during the eight years that she has served, that our most valuable resource is our human resources, and she sincerely believes that. She appreciates the lessons that she has learned from each of the other Council members; they have agreed to disagree on several issues, and there have been moments where she has felt lonely, but she has done her best, and hopefully has made a contribution. She has learned a lot from each Council member, and admired their intelligence and dedication to this work that they are doing. For Mr. Robertson, one of the greatest patriots that she knows who has devoted his life to service to his family, his country through military service, and to our community, to all of you, she says thank you and she appreciates the privilege that has been hers; she has considered this a sacred obligation and hopes she has fulfilled it to meet the best interest to the community.

Mr. Dredge stated that they will be having a nice celebration, and say lots of nice things as well, but would like to go on record saying that it has been a pleasure to work with both Ms. Griffiths and Mr. Robertson and appreciates and respects both of them, and what they have brought to the Council: tremendous wisdom and experience. They are appreciated and will be missed.

Mr. Brass and Ms. Dunn echoed the sentiment.

Ms. Griffiths said that what they will really miss, is having the minutes read thoroughly and making sure that every "I" is dotted and every "it" is crossed, and there are no hanging participles! That is something that she has really enjoyed.

Ms. Griffiths encouraged the scouts to continue their service to the community, church and family, and encouraged them to go for the eagle, and the palms.

ADJOURNMENT